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Re: Congressman Charles Boustany – Knowing and Willful Violations of:

- 2 United States Code § 434(a)(1), (b)(4)-(6), (e) and (f);
- 2 United States Code § 434(b)(4)(H) and (6)(B)(1);
- 18 United States Code § 1001.1 and 1001.2; and
- 18 United States Code § 371

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Currently pending before the Federal Election Commission (the "FEC") is a formal sworn complaint that I filed on November 26, 2012. That complaint involved the payment for and distribution of a Democratic "slate card" which was prepared and distributed through the US Postal Service to all mail address in the Third Congressional District of Louisiana by a non-federal, political committee, the "United Ballot PAC." That complaint and the slate card are attached hereto for your review. That complaint alleged two distinct violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1974, as amended (the "FECA"): (1) failure to include a required FECA disclaimer on the mailed slate card which endorsed two federal candidates, and (2) failure to disclose the source of the funding used by a non-federal political committee for a slate card (an "in-kind contribution" defined in the FECA) that specifically endorsed the re-election of Congressman Boustany in the November 6, 2012 election. The complaint contains the current contact information for the "United Ballot PAC" and for its president and treasurer.

When that complaint was filed on November 26, 2012, unknown to me at the time was the arrangements that were agreed to by Congressman Boustany and the leadership of the "United Ballot PAC" to pay for, prepare, and distribute the slate card that endorsed Congressman Boustany and to hide those arrangements from voters in the Third Congressional District. Based upon information and belief, it now appears that Congressman Boustany, his campaign manager, John Porter (whose business

addresses are Campaign Counsel, LLC, 518 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA 7111 and 1713 P Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036), "United Ballot PAC" president Elroy Broussard and "United Ballot PAC" treasurer Karen Babineaux knowingly and willfully entered into a conspiracy (18 USC 371) to violated the public disclosure requirements of the FECA and to hide the source of the funding for the slate card, from the public, by agreeing to falsifying Congressman Boustany's "post election report" to the FEC of those contributions received and disbursements that were made by the Boustany re-election committee (18 USC 1001.1 and 1001.2).

Here follows new information that was not available to me on November 26, 2012. On Wednesday, October 24, 2012, Mr. Mike Stagg was interviewed on the morning talk show ("Mornings with Ken & Bernie") broadcast by radio station KPEL – 96.5. Upon information and belief, Mr. Stagg is an active Democratic Party candidate and campaign operative who is well connected in Democratic Party politics within the Third Congressional District of Louisiana. During the interview with Mr. Stagg on October 24, 2012, Mr. Stagg specifically discussed the slate card being distributed by the "United Ballot PAC" and indicated that he had been reliably informed by person with direct knowledge of the facts that "...the Boustany camp has made a deal with uh the United Ballot group...and that they will be having the Boustany name and number on their ballot for election day and their get-out-the-vote effort." A full, complete, and un-redacted transcript of the KPEL interview with Mr. Stagg is attached for your review. A digital audio recording of the interview, from which this transcript was taken, can also be made available to you should you so desire.

On Wednesday, October 31, 2012, Mr. Stagg was again interviewed on the "Mornings with Ken & Bernie" program on KPEL – 96.5. During that second interview, Mr. Stagg once again specifically discussed the slate card being distributed within the Third Congressional District by the "United Ballot PAC." In response to a caller's question about the source and amount of the funding for the "United Ballot PAC's" slate card and get-out-the-vote efforts to benefit Congressman Boustany, Mr. Stagg indicated that the slate card and related get-out-the-vote efforts provided by the "United Ballot PAC" had cost the Boustany campaign \$35,000. A full, complete and un-redacted transcript of that KPEL interview with Mr. Stagg is attached for your review. A digital audio recording of that interview, from which this transcript was taken, is also available to you should you so desire.

The Charles Boustany Jr. MD for Congress Committee is required by the FECA to file periodic public disclosure reports with the FEC of that committee's contributions and disbursements, including the so-called "post election report" for contributions received and disbursements made during the last days before the general election. The "post-election report" just filed with the FEC by the Boustany committee contains a listing of several disbursements to Campaign Counsel LLC (campaign manager John Porter's firm) in the amounts of \$5000 each for "strategic consulting." Upon information and belief, this disbursement reflects the monthly fee, for the months of October and November, 2012, paid by the Boustany committee to its campaign manager, John Porter. That same "post election report" also disclosed a disbursement in the amount of \$35,000 to Mr. Porter's firm on October 18, 2012 for what was described to the FEC as a "Door to Door GOTV" effort. Relevant portions of the "post election report" as filed by the Boustany campaign are attached for your review.

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Upon information and belief, Congressman Boustany was loath to disclose to the voters of the Third Congressional District, generally, and to Republican voters in that district, specifically, that he had paid the Democratic Party's "United Ballot PAC" for its endorsement, slate card and get-out-the-vote efforts. While Congressman Boustany needed as many Democratic votes as he could find in the November 6, 2012 "jungle primary" election (in an effort to avoid a run-off against another opponent in the December, 2012 general election), at the same time he could not allow Republican voters in the district know that he was colluding with operatives from the Democratic Party in the district. So what did he do when faced with this dilemma? He chose to enter into a conspiracy with his campaign manager and with the leadership of the "Ballot Access PAC" to gain that committee's endorsement on its slate card while disguising the \$35,000 payment required by the "Ballot Access PAC" as a disbursement made to his campaign manager and disclosing it as such to the FEC.

Criminal conduct such as this has long made federal elections in Louisiana the subject of numerous Department of Justice and Federal Election Commission investigations. It is vital to the strength of democracy and the sanctity of the electoral process that such criminal activity be severely punished as a deterrent to others in Louisiana. That responsibility rests now on your shoulders. I am available to further discuss this complaint with you as warranted.

Sincerely,

NOTARY:

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME
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Wednesday October 24, 2012

96.5 KPEL

Mornings with Ken & Bernie

Wingin' it Wednesday segment with Mike Staggs and Carol Ross

(These two special guest do this segment every Wednesday on the Ken and Bernie Show)

KEN ROMERO: KPEL News time, it's 7:38. It's Mornings with Ken and Bernie. It's Wednesday so Wingin' it Wednesday is on with Carol Ross, Mike Staggs, and Warren Caudle. Warren is so wide awake; he called me like, I don't know, 35 minutes ago. He was already on the way over here, been waiting out in the parking lot all that time. Let's get started with our first question. We wanted to get everyone's take on the Boustany-Landry race and uh our question is do you think the race between Congressman Boustany and Congressman Landry can get any messier than it has? Mike, would you like to start us off?

MIKE STAGG: Well, having no particular dog in that fight between those two guys – although I'm supporting Ron Richard – I just say yes. I'm sure it can get messier. I am sure it will get messier that uh you have uh one camp that's desperate and one camp that is just uh will do anything to win. And the desperate camp is the Boustany camp and uh, you know, the whole saying about politics making strange bedfellows. Well, I heard yesterday from a friend of mine whose you know a pretty reliable source that uh the Boustany camp has made a deal with uh the United Ballot group, which is uh former Councilman Chris Williams and uh Councilman Brandon Shelvin and that they will be having the Boustany name and number on their ballot for election day and their get-out-the-vote effort. But I am sure it is strictly a transactional relationship. But it does make for uh some interesting politics in Lafayette and so uh I'm sure it will get messier. It will get stranger. And this is just a sign of things to come.

KEN ROMERO: Ok Mike. Carol, would you like to follow that up?

CAROL ROSS: Well, in the interest of full disclosure, I am supporting Congressman Boustany. I will say that right up front uh but I have nothing against Mr. Landry, uh Congressman Landry. And it's just a shame that this has gotten to the point it has. Uh can it get any, I am not that creative; I am sure that it can. I am not that imaginative, but I did not imagine it would get this bad to begin with. With two Republicans battling each other and that rumor that Mike just threw out there; well, that is a good way to kill somebody's uh campaign. If you want to just uh make uh make it seem as though they're aligning with forces that are antithetical to everything that you believe in, so that's a good way to kill somebody's campaign. Well, it remains to be seen whether it's true or not, but uh what what really is disturbing is that it uh has gotten to this point that it is causing um problems all the way across the board in for many people who um who are very confused at this point about you know what's-what's, who's-who there both candidates throwing out. I will say, of course, when you're although Congressman Landry is an incumbent – this is not necessarily his dis... the majority of this district is not his previously so he had to damage the incumbent, which is Congressman Boustany. On the other hand, I think there should be a full, open debate. And I think that Congressman Boustany should debate Congressman Landry and all the others in the race, but the question is can it get any messier. I'm afraid it can.

KEN ROMERO: Warren?

WARREN CAUDLE: Yea and following Carol's lead, with full disclosure, I would have to say that in the past I endorsed both Brandon Shelvin and garbage-man Chris Williams in their respective races and uh caught a lot of flack for that but so be it. That anybody who wants to align themselves with any candidate is free to do so. I would say this about the Boustany-Landry race – the unfortunate thing is I think it so representative of so much politics in America today, and I think it's happening because that uh consultants political consultants have taken over these campaigns. They see themselves as guerilla fighters and their deal is not to promote anybody but try to destroy the competition. You know it was actually taken to art by Lee Atwater and and uh what's the dude's name, car James Carville and Karl Rove and those people. You know and that they just you know the candidates really have in so many cases have no say so on some of this garbage that goes out. And that you know the problem is statistics show that negative campaign advertising, negative campaigning works so I guess what they're saying is if it works a little bit works then a whole lot is going to work a whole lot more and uh uh you know where is the end to this stuff you know, but it the stuff you get in the mail is atrocious.

KEN ROMERO: Winging it Wednesday with Warren Caudle, Mike Stagg, and Carol Ross. Mike, you had some follow up?

MIKE STAGG: Yea uh you know what's interesting is that uh you know until Ron Richard got in the race – and he was a late qualifier; you know uh I think he was the last day of qualifying, he uh got in the race – clearly Congressman Boustany's strategy was to get the Democratic votes that he couldn't if it was a head up race with Congressman Landry for the heart and soul of Republicans. He would lose that race. And so he needs, he's always needed, his strategy always included getting the Democratic vote uh to carry him over the top. And so Ron Richard cuts into that a little bit. But you know from a standpoint, from a Democratic standpoint, if you're going to need Democratic votes, you know at least you should stop you know making up uh half truths and lies about the President and uh your attempt to get our votes and he hasn't done that. He continues to go over the deep-end with that. And uh so you know I think that he's in real trouble. And uh I think that uh that uh Congressman Landry actually has the momentum in this race, and I would not be surprised if Landry runs first in the primary.

CAROL ROSS: And as I've said before, anybody who represents a district that includes both Lafayette and Lake Charles has got to do some compromising. These are two very different areas of the state. I mean as the we're not that far apart but philosophically we are, we're worlds apart in many ways. And so um you know if anybody who represents this district is going to have to be a maybe a little more moderate than those of us in Lafayette would want (**MIKE STAGG:** woo) but when you look at what Boustany has done – constantly voting against Obamacare and yes taking the President to the woodshed on many of his lies um which are too numerous to mention uh and actually did get that portion of Obamacare repealed, the CLASS Act which even the Democrats, I mean Kent Conrad a Democrat called it a ponzi scheme. So Boustany has been firm on Obamacare. He has, he was the spokesman against Obamacare.

MIKE STAGG: He did create the death panels.

KEN ROMERO: Let's go

CAROL ROSS: He did not create the death panels.

KEN ROMERO: Let's go, let's go to the phone.

MIKE STAGG: This is what y'all called it.

CAROL ROSS: Please, please. Oh come on.

MIKE STAGG: This is what y'all called it. This is what y'all called it. The the the conservatives (**CAROL ROSS:** yea, yea really) allowing Medicare to pay for end of life consultations is exactly what what became death panels (**CAROL ROSS:** no paying for end of life consultations is nothing) in the words of Sarah Palin.

CAROL ROSS: Telling people what to do at end of life is another thing.

MIKE STAGG: That was never there. That was never there. You're making it up. Just go along.

CAROL ROSS: Oh come.

KEN ROMERO: Let's go to the phones. KPEL you're on the air. Do you have a question or comment?

CALLER: I actually had a comment, but first let me state that once again Mike is about as clueless as a blind man in an art house. He uh this the that the problem you run into and I called in I called in on Jeremy's show and I and I asked Boustany to debate Jeff Landry. I said all the claims that he makes calling him a liar and all that to stand up and prove it and and and go. He absolutely refused. Uh my question is, as a constituent of Beau Chenier, you know I was able to talk to Jeff let Jeff Landry's campaign. I was able to get signs. I was able to talk to this man and I uh I challenged the incumbent to a debate to prove that he's lying and actually he did not. I can tell you one thing about Boustany as as as much as we tout his conservatism, he did vote for the debt ceiling and he did vote for himself a pay raise. And, as a matter of fact, before those ads came out - I was challenging it on him on the show when he came across and was trying to defend it to me. So you know he's not as conservative as he claims to be you know. And in that sense, Mike might vote for him.

KEN ROMERO: Thank you very much.

Wednesday October 31, 2012

96.5 KPEL

Mornings with Ken & Bernie

Wingin' it Wednesday segment with Mike Staggs and Carol Ross

(These two special guest do this segment every Wednesday on the Ken and Bernie Show)

KEN ROMERO: 8:12, it's Wingin' it Wednesday with Carol Ross, Warren Caudle, and Mike Staggs. Would you like to wrap up this question?

MIKE STAGG: Yeah, sure. First of all, yeah, I do agree with Carol that if Mitt Romney's elected we will have an economic catastrophe in the United States cause the debt will explode so much cause his five trillion dollar tax cut, his, and, and, and you know, I see no plan to pay for it other than, of course, to cut services for people, uh, and Social Security and Medicare are not entitlement programs. If you pay into it, that's not an entitlement; that is a pay-your-way program.

KEN ROMERO: Amen.

MIKE STAGG: Second thing is, the second thing is privatization is not going to lower the cost of operating the government of Greece; privatization does not save money. What it does is it transfers ownership, but it does not save money. And you, look no further than Baton Rouge where the magical Bobby Jindal miracle in with closing Earl K. Long hospital is driving up the cost of Medicaid in region two, that is what that region is called, region two. Why? Because in order to get those private hospitals to take those Medicaid patients, they have to guarantee them higher rates of compensation, just like they're gonna have to do in Lafayette when they finish closing down University Medical Center here and these moves all across the state. Privatization does not save money.

KEN ROMERO: Carol.

CAROL ROSS: Well, it saved the state money, that's for sure. (**MIKE STAGG:** It does not!) It's just shifted to somebody else eventually. (**MIKE STAGG:** It does not save money.) Well, one of the things under the Romney plan is to do block grants for Medicaid to the states, so that the states can individually fashion the programs that will work. (**MIKE STAGG:** And reduce Medicaid funding by 38%! 38% on top of foundation!) No, no, they're already doing it, there are two states right now and it is saving money. (**MIKE STAGG:** It does not!) And let me tell you something. (**MIKE STAGG:** It's costing lives. In Louisiana, the current cuts are 11%!) And anybody who wants to really look at what is going to happen November 6th, all they have to do is look at what happened in the last four years and look at the record of Romney in private business, turning things around. (**MIKE STAGG:** Right, destroying jobs and giving them to China). And by the way, I really think he has a good shot to win this thing. (**MIKE STAGG:** In your dreams, in your dreams.) Depending on fraud, on the voter fraud that will be perpetrated in this country. (**MIKE STAGG:** Hahahaha) And by the way, I think it was two week. (**MIKE STAGG:** The only voter fraud is carried out by Republicans.) You know, Mike, I've been prepared for this kind of a week; I did my research. (**MIKE STAGG:** Hahahaha!!) You know here's Carol who has no

life, went on the Internet and Mike, two weeks ago, was absolutely adamant that there were no convictions, no convictions, in voter fraud. Well, here's what I want to say: to date, forty-six states have prosecuted or convicted, convicted cases of voter fraud. More than twenty-four million voter registrations are invalid yet remain on the roles, 1.8 million dead voters still on the roles. (MIKE STAGG: inactive voters) 2.75 Americans are registered to vote in more than one state. And by the way, here's the table and I've made a copy for Bernie and Ken and I've made a copy for Mike. Here is the table of individual convictions. All of them ACORN employees, you can share with Mike. (WARREN CAUDLE: Oh) ACORN employees, every one of them. And by the way, over the weekend, Eric Shawn of FOX News, which has a voter fraud unit and inviting people, had on the Democrat Secretary of State in Nevada, which is where a lot of this started. They had, that was one of the worst states for voter fraud. (BERNADETTE LEE: Really?) And he said that they have really worked assiduously to clean the roles to clean up the process and he did get a conviction of ACORN itself. Many of these convictions are individuals connected with ACORN and working for ACORN, but he got the conviction of ACORN itself and more are on the way. And these are all as you can see (MIKE STAGG: How are more on the way? They don't exist) at the bottom, at the bottom these are all sourced: FBI, media reports, news releases, prosecutor's websites, interviews with officials in the offices of Michigan and Wisconsin attorney general, on and on. It is all sourced; it is all proven. Convictions in forty-six states.

KEN ROMERO: 8:16, the phones are ringing, phones are ringing, can we get a phone call, why not? You guys got time for a phone call? Good morning, KPEL!

CALLER: Hey, good morning, Ken! I got a question, this is for Carol and Mike. In light of Carol's recent comments just just a moment ago, I went to a website Unite the Ballot. And lo and behold, on that website, at the top of the Unite the Ballot ticket is vote President Obama and Charles Boustany.

CAROL ROSS: Um hum.

CALLER: Then I drove out to Willow Street and where they got busses lined up obviously it's a vote hauling situation. Obama, Unite the Ballot and Charles Boustany got a 4 x 8 sign (MIKE STAGG: uh huh) in in that office. And my question is, in in light of that, what does Carol feel about her candidate obviously paying to haul votes. And I will let her answer that question.

CAROL ROSS: Well, I don't know about whose paying for what or or if they are.

MIKE STAGG: \$35,000.

CAROL ROSS: Uh, but at any rate, I I have no proof of that. That's number one.

BERNADETTE LEE: Do you have prof of that?

CAROL ROSS: Number two.

BERNADETTE LEE: Where's your proof? Now look here, I'm serious.

MIKE STAGG: I'll bring it. I'll bring it. I'll bring it.

BERNADETTE LEE: OK.

CAROL ROSS: Well, I don't like voter hauling. And my husband had to duh to ah run a campaign uh with uh a largest in Lafayette, the largest minority uh representation. These people, uhh I mean uh, we may not like those kind of things going on. I don't like it, but uh these people deserve representation too. Everyone in the district. You can't ignore people if they want to help you out. Now whether they are doing voter hauling, I suspect they are. But I don't know. And uh you know if Jeff Landry thought he could get their vote, I think he might do that too.

KEN ROMERO: OK.

BERNADETTE LEE: Ah.

KEN ROMERO: Mike.

MIKE STAGG: I I you know there is nothing illegal going on that I know of. All it is is the fact that it's transactional politics. I mean all they are they are looking for uh for contributions. They wanna, they wanna make a deal with other candidates. They ended up with the candidate Congressman Boustany.

WARREN CAUDLE: What happened to?

BERNADETTE LEE: I guess what I'm saying is saying anything you want but don't get us in trouble for your statements unless you have the proof to give it to us.

MIKE STAGG: I own my statement.

BERNADETTE LEE: OK.

KEN ROMERO: Good deal.

WARREN CAUDLE: There's an old, there's an old lawyer saying (BERNADATTE LEE: uh oh) never ask a question you don't know the answer to (BERNADETTE LEE: true)

MIKE STAGG: I thought that's a FBI saying.

KEN ROMERO: Ha ha ha ha ha ha.

BERNADETTE LEE: No actually it is, it's lawyers that say that.

CAROL ROSS: FBI or lawyers most of them. Ha ha.

KEN ROMERO: Thank you very much for being us Warren Caudle, Mike Stagg, Carol Ross.

BERNADETTE LEE: Got some Freaky Music to end our creepy Winging it Wednesday on

Halloween.

KEN ROMERO: Thanks we will do it again next week we appreciate you being here

BERNADETTE LEE: It's a thriller, ha ha ha ha. Bye y'all. Have a good day.

KEN ROMERO: 8:18, KPEL. Bernie's got some spooky music.

CAROL ROSS: The day after the election. Woo.

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Registered Agent(s)

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Appointment Date: 5/7/2012

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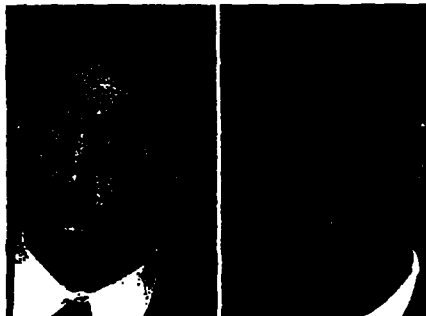
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Reps. Charles Boustany, R-Lafayette responded to Gov. Bobby Jindal's acknowledgment he will not endorse (http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2012/11/jindal_wont_endorse_in_boustan.html) a candidate in the 3rd District race. Boustany, who faces fellow incumbent Rep. Jeff Landry, R-New Iberia, told NOLA.com that while he respects the governor's choice, he ultimately is focused on the support of his constituents.



U.S. Reps. Charles Boustany, R-Lafayette, and Jeff Landry, R-New Iberia, are squaring off to represent the 3rd Congressional District.

The Times-Picayune

"We certainly respect Governor Jindal's decision not to take a position in this race," Boustany campaign manager John Porter told NOLA.com on Monday. "At the end of the day, the endorsement Congressman Boustany wants most is that of the hard-working men and women of this district."

No immediate comment was available from Landry for Louisiana staff.

Jindal spokesman Shannon Bates confirmed that the governor would not be endorsing either Boustany or Landry before their Dec. 8 runoff.

"We have great respect for both Congressman Landry and Congressman Boustany and we'll leave it to the voters to make the decision," Bates told NOLA.com

The 3rd District was redrawn after the 2010 census saw a drop in southwest Louisiana's population. Because of this drop and the state's unique blanket primary system, in which the top candidates face each other regardless of party, the two sitting Republicans were pitted against each other in a fight to keep their seat in the U.S. Congress.